Custodial Deaths

*†4235. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of prisoners died in police custody in the last five years;

(b) the State-wise and year-wise details of the deaths in police custody;

(c) the action taken against the police officers responsible for these deaths in police custody; and

(d) the number of police officers, out of the police officers found guilty in such incidents, punished during the last five years together with the number of cases in which no action has been taken so far against the guilty, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) As per information available with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and reported by the States, the number of persons who have died in police custody during the last five years is 832.

(b) Information relating to the State-wise and year-wise deaths in police custody is given as Statement *(see* below*)*.

(c) The NHRC had recommended disciplinary action against the erring police personnel in 21 cases.

(d) The NHRC has received compliance reports from the State Governments in 10 of the above cases.

Statement

Year-wise/State-wise details of deaths in police custody during the last five years i.e. 1.4.1998 to 31.3.2003

State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	25	11	02	16	10	**64**
Arunachal Pradesh	02	04	01	02	02	**11**

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Assam	15	11	11	10	15	**62**
Bihar	10	07	02	02	04	**25**
Goa	—	02	02	—	—	**04**
Gujarat	08	13	11	08	17	**57**
Haryana	04	05	04	05	06	**24**
Himachal Pradesh	02	01	01	01	—	**05**
Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	—	—	—	**—**
Karnataka	10	06	05	09	16	**46**
Kerala	04	06	01	04	04	**19**
Madhya Pradesh	19	13	11	07	01	**51**
Maharashtra	20	30	19	27	26	**122**
Manipur	03	—	—	—	—	**03**
Meghalaya	01	—	01	03	03	**08**
Mizoram	—	—	01	—	—	**01**
Nagaland	01	—	—	—	—	**01**
Orissa	—	01	02	07	01	**11**
Punjab	12	11	13	07	09	**52**
Rajasthan	03	03	03	05	06	**20**
Sikkim	—	—	—	—	—	**—**
Tamil Nadu	14	09	04	07	17	**51**
Tripura	—	—	02	01	01	**04**
Uttar Pradesh	20	18	10	11	16	**75**
West Bengal	06	19	09	17	16	**67**
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	–	01	—	—	—	**01**
Chandigarh	—	—	01	—	—	**01**
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—	—	—	—	**—**
Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—	—	**—**
Delhi	—	06	09	05	02	**22**
Lakshadweep	—	—	—	—	—	**—**
Pondicherry	01	—	—	—	01	**02**
Chhattisgarh	—	—	01	04	03	**08**
Jharkhand	—	—	01	04	06	**11**
Uttaranchal	—	—	—	03	01	**04**
Total	180	177	127	165	183	**832**